



City of Racine, Wisconsin
AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE: November 9, 2018
SUBJECT: FY 2018 CDBG Contract for Park Department – Parks
PREPARED BY: Matt Rejc, Manager of Housing and Community Development
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Department of City Development - Division of Housing and Community Development requests that the Community Development Committee recommend approval of a contract with the Parks Department for stump grinding activities.
BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS: <p>The 2018 Annual Action Plan process has set aside \$35,000 for City-wide slum/blight remediation activities and an additional \$26,790 for slum/blight remediation activities within the Greater Uptown Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). These activities are typically undertaken each year to eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay on a spot basis.</p> <p>No applications for this activity were received during the 2018 CDBG funding round. Based on interest in funding for eligible slum/blight activities, staff released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to gather applications. City staff received two responses, including one from the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services for stump grinding, as well as one from the Building Inspection and Zoning Division for demolition activities.</p> <p>Often, slum/blight remediation activities include the demolition and clearance of vacant and blighted structures, but the clearance of hazard trees that pose a threat to public health and safety, and their remnant stumps, would be an eligible activity. Stump grinding would also be an eligible activity under the low-/moderate-income area benefit category, as the activities would take place only in eligible Census block groups.</p> <p>Stump removal activities were previously undertaken in 2017 through a contract for \$25,000. The proposed stump removal activities are expected to be completed primarily in Forestry Zones 2 and 4, which correspond to the Greater Uptown NRSA and areas to the west of it, as well as areas in the north of the City.</p>
BUDGETARY IMPACT: The proposed contract would allocate \$16,640 of the \$35,000 set-aside for City-wide slum/blight remediation activities and \$3,360 of the \$26,790 set-aside for slum/blight activities in the NRSA.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Housing and Community Development Division staff recommend approval of an inter-departmental contract with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services for \$20,000 related to stump grinding in eligible areas.